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Re: Copy of letter to Commander, West Traffic Division - LAPD Dec 21 2015

Orrin Feldman <ofeldman@pacbell.net>

Wed, Dec 23, 2015 at 11:26 AM

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Mel, Clive, Joe, Steve and everyone,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts about our recent traffic spike(s).

Yes, traffic is worse, but the impact of what you think of as worse traffic on Mt. Olympus is only the beginning of the story. And, it's not worse on Mt. Olympus than it is generally throughout our area.

Earlier this week, on behalf of Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council's area 9 committee, I scheduled a meeting on Thursday, January 14th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at The Durant Public Library to discuss traffic in our area. LAPD Hollywood Division's Sergeant Davis has assured me that Senior Lead Officer Ralph Sanchez will be there. Our residents requested this traffic discussion back in October when we held our last meeting.

You are welcome to join us because this is an area wide problem. The problem is not confined to Mt. Olympus, and the problem is not worse on Mt. Olympus.

It's worth pointing out that (almost) ALL of the traffic which comes up Mt. Olympus from Electra, Hercules and Apollo to the Apollo/Willow Glen intersection turns left at that intersection on to Willow Glen. Willow Glen leads on to Woodstock and Woodrow Wilson. So, all the traffic coming up Mt. Olympus AND from Nichols Canyon via Willow Glen winds up on the narrow, curvy route of Willow Glen and Woodstock. People try to speed, don't stop at stop signs, don't stay in their lanes, and sometimes even collide with on coming traffic. From Apollo to Woodstock, there are several curves. The Woodstock to Woodrow Wilson segment has a very heavy volume now during peak weekday traffic afternoon hours. Would you be surprised to learn that there sometimes is bumper to bumper traffic?

The Woodstock/Lulu Glen intersection is particularly dangerous.

And, at the Woodrow Wilson/Mulholland/Laurel Canyon intersection, there are now bottlenecks and back ups on Woodrow Wilson because traffic can't get out of Woodrow Wilson to reach the other roads and get to the SF Valley. LADOT's Engineer Irv Chodash undertook more than a decade ago to workout a solution for that bottleneck, but the only improvement installed was painting a "keep clear" area on Mulholland Drive where it intersects with Woodrow Wilson. It's better than nothing, but it's much worse now than it was even a few years ago.

Some Woodstock and Lulu Glen residents have been asking whether it's time to have the City adopt northbound traffic prohibition rules for weekday peak traffic hours to match the southbound prohibitions, which Mt. Olympus lobbied for, and obtained, back in 1988! This proposal is likely to be the main discussion topic at the January 14th meeting. I think you'll want to be part of "the conversation" from it's start at the January 14th meeting.

Happy Holidays!

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On Wednesday, December 23, 2015 10:37 AM, Mel Remba <drremba@roadrunner.com> wrote:

FYI.....we have to keep up the pressure by calling West Traffic Division....the "greasy wheel gets the grease".

MJR

From: Clive Whitcher [mailto:clwhitcher@earthlink.net]
Sent: Wednesday, December 23, 2015 9:40 AM
To: Captain Valencia Thomas; Captain Peter Zarcone; Ralph Sanchez SLO
Cc: Joe Custer; Mel Remba
Subject: Copy of letter to Commander, West Traffic Division - LAPD Dec 21 2015

Dear All, for your information and convenience this is an electronic copy of a letter sent to Captain Thomas, Commander West Traffic Division - LAPD on Dec 21 2015 in which the Mt. Olympus Property Owners Association is requesting stepped up enforcement of traffic rules in our residential neighborhood.

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Olympus Property Owners Association

West Traffic Division – LAPD

Attn: Commanding Officer, Captain Valencia Thomas

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Los Angeles, CA 90019

CC by email: Peter Zarcone, Captain, Ralph Sanchez, SLO, Hollywood Division

Date: December 21 2015

Re: Traffic Violations in the Mount Olympus area

Dear Captain Thomas:

The Board of Directors and traffic safety committee of the Mount Olympus Property Owners Association, representing over 400 homes in the Hollywood Hills, wish to draw your attention to an urgent and escalating public safety problem that is plaguing the streets of our residential community of Mt. Olympus. To mitigate traffic during the early evening weekday rush hour through Laurel Canyon Blvd., a 'No Left Turn between 4 and 7PM' sign is posted at the junction of Apollo and Willow Glen, restricting traffic from turning left from Apollo onto Willow Glen.

For as long as we can remember, this sign has been routinely ignored by motorists seeking a 'cut-through' to avoid congestion on northbound Laurel Canyon during peak PM rush hours. But the problem is getting worse; in fact, last week we counted 47 vehicles making this illegal turn between 5:00 and 6:30 PM in a single day. The net effect of these violations is a tremendous increase in traffic on Electra, Hercules and Apollo, which are purely residential streets not designed or intended for high volume traffic. In past years, we had

one traffic related fatality on Apollo.

We strongly petition West Traffic to deploy officers during this time period to enforce the 'No Left Turn' sign so we can mitigate this problem. As an indication of the deep frustration that many of our residents feel about this problem, we can furnish you a petition with signatures from affected households on Hercules, Electra and Apollo. Hopefully you know the history and understand the depth of this problem and will make arrangements for officers to be deployed periodically during these PM rush hours. We ask for limited and occasional deployment, but request a high priority.

We would also like to draw your attention to another traffic violation issue that affects our community, and that is of unsafe speed. While Electra, Hercules and Apollo have speed bumps, which do some, though not total, good, Mt. Olympus Drive does not have them. The speed limit on the 25 mph section of Mt. Olympus Dr. between Electra and Oceanus is routinely ignored by people driving North, especially during evening rush hours. It's a very steep and curvy street, but this does not seem to deter people, especially since today's vehicles are so powerful. Again, we would petition West Traffic to station officers on this section of Mt. Olympus Dr. during the evening to help mitigate the unsafe speed of vehicles.

We look forward to your prompt attention to these traffic violations that are affecting the safety of our residential community. Please let us know your plans for helping us overcome these problems and when we can see action by West Traffic.

For your convenience, this letter and attachments have also be sent to you and the other recipients by email.

Sincerely, Joe Custer, President, Mel Remba, Vice President, Clive Whitcher, Chair
MOPOA Traffic Committee Mt. Olympus Property Owners Association

PS: the problems of increased traffic in residential areas is compounded by the use of wayfinding apps like WAZE. Please see the link below for a notice that we received from our neighbors, the Laurel Canyon Association, that draws their members' attention to the growing problem affecting streets in our area.

<http://us11.campaign-archive2.com/?u=a796eb90ab4f70838fd5cb8c8&id=b384bbb316&e=9b41fcf1fd>

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